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Schedule of Activity for - APR 2003

1st Week

SAFETY

AEROSPACE ED

2nd week

COMMO/ES CLASS

3rd week

MORAL LEADERSHIP

AEROSPACE ED

4th week

"GUESTS (Tentative)

MGEN E. Andreotti

5TH WEEK VOLCANO NIGHT U.O.D. COLOR-FULL CIVILIAN WEAR & TENNIS SHOES. VOLLEYBALL - PIZZA PARTY

UNIFORM OF THE DAY 1 & 3rd weeks BDU — 2 & 4th BLUES!

The War: Some of us have been glued to the TV set watching the antics of the press, Hollywood celebrates and other "geniuses." I understand the intense feelings that many of you have. However, no matter how passionate you feel I remind you that you may not use your position in Civil Air Patrol or lend the CAP uniform to any political protest or movement. Our legal position is the same as any uniformed military organization in the U.S. And it is that these events are essentially partisan events and Civil Air Patrol should not be present at any of these or other rallies. You as an individual are, of course, free to attend, but no official presence is allowed.



COMMANDERS CORNER: With many of our former members now in Harms way I ask you all to take a moment to say a prayer for them and all our other sailors, soldiers, airman and marines. God speed and a safe return! I also ask you to pray for the safety and a chance at liberty and freedom for the people of Iraq.

Changes: As most of you know we have had some major changes to the organization. For the first time in our history we have a "legit" 2 star General commanding our organization. The movement from USAF Air Education to the Air Forces part of Homeland Security means a new focus on the Military aspect of our organization. We have come a long way from 1 Dec 1941 but what is old is becoming new again. Our old slogan "Eyes of the Homeland Skies" is turning into our new slogan. In the old days we patrolled borders for Imperial Japanese or Nazi saboteurs. The nationalities have changed but the mission is the same. In addition we have many other missions never conceived then such as Radiological Monitor or Counter Drug operations. For some senior members you may need to reset and re-evaluate. It's serious work. On that note we lost an aircraft and a good member in Iowa Wing. Their crash will no doubt go uh heralded in the press what with all the other tragedies in the news. I ask you to remember this brave airman in your prayers. Lets remember that we are in a global war on terror and we have an important duty to play. Lets Roll!

Airport Security: AOPA has taken the unprecedented step of mailing out warning fliers to all CAP units. The goal is to increase security at our small airports. Look for Pilots who appear to be under the control or someone else. Anyone trying to enter an aircraft (or Hanger) using force. Anyone who seems unfamiliar with Aviation procedures trying to check out an aircraft. Anyone who doesn't speak aviation lingo or those who seem too eager to use it. People or groups who seem determined to keep to themselves. Any member of the Airport neighborhood who avoid contact. Anyone loitering. Any out of the ordinary videotaping of aircraft or hangers. Aircraft with unusual modifications. Weird cargo's such as explosives, chemicals, openly displayed weapons etc. Anything that strikes you as wrong. Listen to your gut instinct. When in doubt check it out! 1-866-GA-SECURE or 911!!! A scary note: A very expensive 182 CAP Aircraft has been stolen in the last few weeks!

Rapid Response Duties: Not too long ago we were selected to become the first of Minnesota's Rapid Response Teams. I'm glad that our friends from Viking Squadron have joined us and that we are successful in ramping up to perform this job. I've always thought we have been doing a similar job in the UDF field and have a good record of "Finds" to prove it. We need to continue our training, stay proficient and be ready to perform ground team, disaster relief and other missions. *Remember to keep one copy of your 101T forms. A complete 101T is as

good as the 101 at a real mission. Don't loose your last copy to the washing machine!

Cadets: Our senior members are addressing one area of concern. That being the signing up of cadets for non squadron activities. You as cadets need to stay aware of what activities are becoming available and what you need to do to participate. Then the most difficult step, you need to follow through and participate! We want to see a big group at Blackcap, Preparatory school, encampment and so forth. It will be a lot more fun if you participate!

Seniors Receive Yeager "Aerospace" Award

The Following Senior Members have been accreted by Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters as receiving the Yeager Awards in December of 2002 and those members were: TFO Butche, Lt Anderson, Lt Roessler, Lt Rossini, Capt Roedder, Capt Willey. These five can now wear the Yeager Ribbon on their blues and white aviator shirts.

CONGRATULATIONS !

"Positioned for the Future - 2003: Pulling Together"

Just a Reminder that the Annual Minnesota Wing Conference is the First Weekend In May

For those that are attending here is a quote from the Wing Commanders Invitation.

"Our theme this year is "pulling together". What better time and place to begin examining our changing goals as the homeland security requirements ask us to "pull together" and prepare for future challenges. Let's step back and regain the excitement and vigor we had when we first joined. Civil Air Patrol is something to be excited about. See you at the Conference."

Dale Hoium, Col, CAP Minn Wing Commander

Minnesota Wing Calendar for April, May, June, July and Aug 2003

April

11-13 Fri-Sun Black CAP ES College
Major Vicki Eckhoff 715-792-2960

25-26 Squadron Leadership School
Major Steve Miller 952 894-7220

May

2-4 Minnesota Wing Conference @ Breezy Point
Col Dennis Rock 763-541-9396

16-18 Fri-Sun Encampment Preparatory School
1st Lt Andrew Dew 612-670-5694

16-18 Ground Team Task Training SAREX
Major Jay Craswell (952)447-3819

June

14 Sat Public Affairs Workshop
1st Lt Al Pabon 612-296-0474

15 Tue Model Rocketry Contest @ Webster Park
Capt James Craswell 952-447-3819

27-29 Fri-Sun Group 4 SAREX @ Owatonna
Capt Aron Leavestrom Capt John Barsness

July

5-13 Fri-Sun Minn Encampment Volk Field, WI
Major Doug Kilian 612-701-0854

Aug

8-10 Sat-Sun Group 3 SAREX
@ Lake Elmo Airport LtCol Roger Brogren
Lt Col Bill Rutten

See www.mnwg.cap.gov/calendar for a complete list of all Minnesota Wing's activities

